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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of informal consultations

Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities, and protection of the human rights of persons with disabilities

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"*The Economic and Social Council*,

"*Recalling* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming the obligations contained in relevant human rights instruments,

"*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, and 56/115 of 19 December 2001,

"*Recalling further* General Assembly resolutions 56/168 of 19 December 2001, by which it established the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, 57/229 of 18 December 2002, in which it sought views on proposals for a convention, and 58/246 of 26 November 2003, by which it decided that the Ad Hoc Committee will start the negotiations on a draft convention at its third session,

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"*Recalling* its resolution 2002/26 of 24 July 2002 on further promotion of the equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights and Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/49 of 23 April 2003[1] on the human rights of persons with disabilities, and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the views of Governments on the proposals contained in the report of the former Special Rapporteur on Disability, especially on the suggested supplement to the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,[2] as well as the views expressed during the forty-second session of the Commission for Social Development;

"2. *Welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development undertaken in accordance with section IV of the Standard Rules;

"3. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it consider, at its fifty-ninth session, the suggested supplement to the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities contained in the report of the Secretary-General,[3] with a view to adopting a supplement to the Standard Rules;

"4. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur on Disability to contribute to the consideration of the suggested supplement by providing her views on possible elements reflecting new developments and requests the Secretary-General to make her views available to all Member States and observer States;

"5. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur, assisted by the Secretariat and in consultation with the panel of experts, to prepare a report on the result of the monitoring on the implementation of the Standard Rules, for submission to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session;

"6. *Encourages* Governments, as well as non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability in order to support the activities of the Special Rapporteur as well as new and expanded initiatives to strengthen national capacities for equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities."

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[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 3* (E/2003/23), chap. II, sect. A.

[2] E/CN.5/2004/4.

[3] Ibid., annex.